

Note for Cautery file from Headquarters of the US War Crimes

Manner in which CAUTERY 18 came into CAUTERY program:

Acted as border guide for E [redacted]'s run to CSR, then came to Berlin seeking work as his position in the border area was precarious and he feared arrest for petty smuggling. CAUTERY 1 and 2 interviewed him and believed him capable of taking over the tasks assigned to CAMBID, who is being proposed.

When he was proposed as border guide for E [redacted] D. Wash raised questions (in WOKW-11245) as to his reliability because
a) he is an ex-member of the Skorzeny SS group;
b) his step-father is a pensioned non-com of SNS;
c) his mother is in jail for having assisted Josef KVASHICKA.

BOB's comment on these questions follows:

"In view light of the work done by, and expected of, this border guide, we do not feel that his former Skorzeny membership should weigh too heavily against him. He did not try to conceal such membership, and we believe this former affiliation can be neutralized in the control of assignments given him."

"Concerning the fact that his step-father is former SNS, we would like to repeat E [redacted]'s comment when this fact was pointed out some time ago: "If you were in Canada a year to go for a pension (the step-father was pensioned in 1941), and your country was suddenly taken over, what would you do?" E [redacted] incidentally has spoken to the step-father several times, it feels that pension or not, he is Western oriented. The fact that he never tried to conceal his SNS past speaks in his favor.

"The imprisonment of the guide's mother was unfortunately caused by the stupidity of KVASHICKA who blew the chain by writing home regarding his escape. The blowing of the chain also destroyed it in CSR. Its DDR links have dissolved with the guide's coming to Berlin. Exguidexxxzaweverzxintrommedzxx&x

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